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SUBJECT: FURTHER STEPS IN VIENNA TALKS: TURKISH VIEWS

1. IN WIDE-RANGING CONVERSATION APRIL 13, MFA GREECE-CYPRUS
DIRECTOR GUVENDIREN PUT FORWARD THESE THOUGHTS ON FUTURE STEPS
IN THE CYPRUS TALK:

A. ONE PROBLEM WITH THE VIENNA MTG BETWEEN ONAN AND
PAPADOPOULOS WAS THE LACK OF AGREED PREPARATION. FOR THE MAY TALKS
AT NICOSIA, IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF UN SPEC REP PEREZ DE
CUELLAR BEGAN FAIRLY SOON A PROGRAM OF "SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY"
BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS TO ASSURE ADVANCE UNDER-
STANDING OF WHAT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. BOTH SIDES NEED
TO KNOW -- TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN THEY DID AT VIENNA -- WHAT
THEY CAN EXPECT FROM ONE ANOTHER SO THAT THEY CAN PREPARE "IN A
BUSINESSLIKE WAY".

B. IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DEVOTE THE MAY MTG AT
NICOSIA TO DISCUSSIONS OF THE "TECHNICAL QUESTIONS" AFFECTING
THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE, SUCH AS LAND OWNERSHIP, LAND PRODUC-
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TIVITY, AND SECURITY FACTORS. HOWEVER, "THESE QUESTIONS SHOULD
NOT BE DISCUSSED BY AMATEURS," AND IT WOULD BE BETTER IF
THEY WERE DISCUSSED BY EXPERTS. A MORE PROFITABLE AREA
OF EMPHASIS PROBABLY WOULD BE THE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.
IN THIS CONNECTION, THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE A PRESSING NEED
TO KNOW HOW MUCH THEY CAN EXPECT FROM THE GREEK CYPRIOTS.
SO FAR AS THE TURKISH PROPOSAL AT VIENNA ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL

QUESTION IS CONCERNED, "EVERYTHING IS NEGOTIABLE WITH ONE EXCEPTION," THAT EXCEPTION BEING THE PRINCIPLE THAT POWER MUST BE SHARED EQUALLY AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.

C. THERE SHOULD BE PRIOR AGREEMENT ON REFRAINING FROM THE PRESS LEAKS AND DELIBERATE PUBLICIZING OF PROPOSALS WHICH PLAGUED THE VIENNA TALKS.

D. AS A GENERAL PROPOSITION, THERE IS NEED FOR CONTINUING ACTION TO GIVE BOTH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES A POSITIVE INTEREST IN A FEDERAL SOLUTION. AT PRESENT, GUVENDIREN SAID, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS SEEM TO WANT TO RETURN TO THE UNITARY STATE CONCEPT OF THE 1960 CONSTITUTION, WHILE THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS WOULD RATHER DECLARE THEIR OWN INDEPENDENCE. CONCRETE STEPS TOWARD BUILDING INTEREST IN A FEDERATION, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM THE GREEK CYPRIOTS. GUVENDIREN SUGGESTED THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS CONSIDER STOPPING THEIR EFFORTS TO DISCOURAGE THE PURCHASE OF TURKISH CYPRIOT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS BY FOREIGN BUYERS, AS WELL AS CEASING WHAT HE CALLED A GREEK CYPRIOT "CAMPAIGN" TO DISCOURAGE FOREIGN TOURISM TO NORTHERN CYPRUS. ANOTHER POSSIBLE STEP WOULD BE GREEK CYPRIOT ACQUIESCENCE IN ESTABLISHING A PASSPORT OFFICE IN THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ZONE WHICH WOULD ISSUE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS PASSPORTS.
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